

Howe Hungry Cray fish Are Eating Up the Southern Farmers' Crops!

By Rene Bache.

THE most curious enemy which ever attacked a farmer's crops is causing serious loss in Alabama and Eastern Mississippi. It is the crayfish, large numbers of which are forsaking their queer dens in the river banks long enough to ruin the crops over wide areas of fertile prairie lands.

Since the immortal crayfish—which are crustaceans, four or five inches long, much resembling diminutive lobsters and very good to eat—have caused great damage to dikes, levees and other kind of embankments. But if anybody had suggested that these strange fish might attack cultivated plants, the idea would have been scouted as preposterous.

Investigation into the food habits of these interesting animals, however, shows that, while highly carnivorous, they relish keenly a liberal contribution of vegetables to their diet. In aquaria they are often seen to break off stems of common river weed and eat them after stripping off the minute leaves. The farmers of Alabama and Mississippi, to their sorrow, can testify to the fondness of the crayfish for corn, cotton, alfalfa, cowpeas and soy beans.

In some sections of the South areas several acres in extent have been entirely denuded of vegetation by this plague. The crayfish attack the young plants, nipping them off close to the ground and carrying them off to their river bank burrows to devour at leisure.

The crayfish is a voracious feeder. At dusk he becomes lively, and moves about with great agility. His sight is keen, and, when he has spied his prey—perhaps a little fish or a frog—he steals up, and with

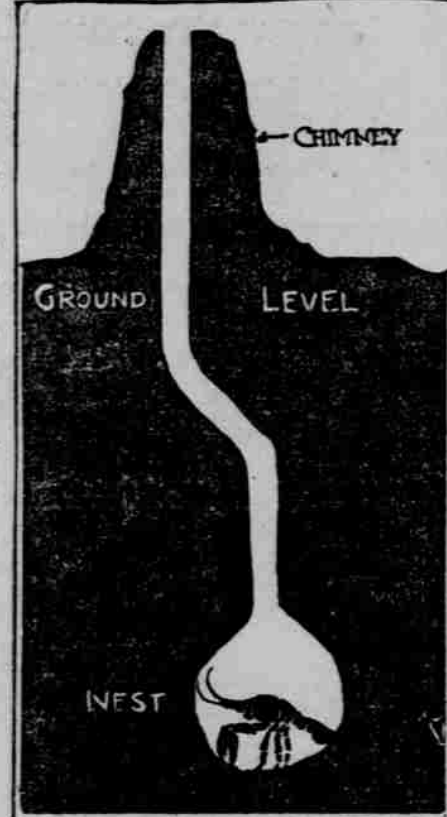


Diagram of a Crayfish Home and One of the Little Animals Seated on His "Chimney."

one bold dash impales it on his "tusk," as the long horn between his eyes is called. Then he drops to the bottom, and, tears his victim to pieces with his powerful claws.

The crayfish lives in a burrow anywhere from eighteen inches to three feet in depth, terminating in a bottle shaped enlargement. The burrow is surrounded by a hollow tower from eight inches to one foot in height. The object of this tower no man knoweth. It cannot be to enable its builder and owner to climb out of reach of the water for the crayfish is an aquatic animal and the very house in which it lives is usually full of water.

Usually a single individual is found in each burrow. If it is a female, and the time of year is March or April, she will be carrying a bundle of eggs under her tail. The young, when hatched, resemble very small worms. They remain for some time attached by fine threads to their mother's tail, and are thus protected against fishes and other enemies which might be disposed to devour them.

The extermination of the crayfish—or at least its extermination to such an extent as to prevent damage to the crops—is one of the most difficult problems the Government scientists have had to face in a long time.

Dr. H. F. Moore, of the Bureau of Fisheries, which has charge of the undertaking, thinks much good can be accomplished by calling public attention to the value of the fish as a table delicacy. If the people of the regions afflicted by the destructive crustaceans knew how edible they are they would soon disappear or be reduced to harmless numbers. Many epicures prefer the crayfish to lobster, and immense quantities of them are eaten in Europe. In France tons of crayfish are imported annually to supplement the large domestic supply.

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